

Exchange Student Tells Of First Weeks Abroad

Editor's Note: Following is a letter from Pam Fleming, a Torrance High student who is spending the summer in Germany as an American Field Service exchange student. Miss Fleming will write to the people of Torrance several times during the summer, giving some of her impressions of Germany.

Eschwege, Germany July 25, 1964
Greetings from Germany!
I arrived here July 8 at 4:30 in the morning. My original plans did not include such an early hour, but like all bewildered travellers—we missed a train. Despite the time of day, my family was glad to see me and they gave me a very warm welcome which tells you just how wonderful they are! It never ceases to amaze me how alike my two families (German and American) are. What a wonderful job the AFS does in "matching up" people!
Eschwege is a beautiful place. I don't think Americans are given false impressions by travel folders or movies filmed abroad. Actually, they don't even paint

good pictures. This area is a mass of greenness—rolling green hills, dense green forests, green parks and trees. Germans also "believe in" flowers and they plant them everywhere. That is one habit I wish Americans would pick up.
My house is No. 12 Hohenweg, which means highway although it isn't much of a highway. We live on the first floor of the building. Two other families live on the second and third stories. There are three bedrooms, a living room, bathroom, and a huge kitchen. The front rooms have a nice view of the park across the street and hills beyond.

I CONSIDER myself quite lucky because my entire family speaks English. My father is an English teacher and he sounds very British! It's fun to compare American English to the English which Europeans learn. Teachers in Germany have a summer vacation along with the students. No summer school is offered. The vacation lasts about seven weeks and the school faculty receives regular salary during this time. Muttie (my

mother) is a housewife. During these summer months she is quite busy preserving fruit and vegetables for the winter. Of course, I am a very interested spectator and the official sampler—just to make sure everything is sweet enough.

MY SISTER'S name is Renate. She's 17 and attends an all girls school called a gymnasium. She has taken seven years of English. We have become very good friends and share many common interests.

I also have a brother. Hans is 12 years old. He likes to ride his bike, swim, collect stamps, and cook!

Grit is my oldest sister. She will be getting married in August. Now she is a secretary and has a small apartment in Eschwege.

I'd like to thank everyone for all the wonderful letters I've received. The postman thinks I'm a VIP.

I hate to end in this typical way, but it's so true. Having a wonderful time. Wish you were here.

Auf Wiedersehen,
PAM FLEMING,
AFS Representative

Vandals Enter Schools, Cost District \$2,300

Vandals entered 10 schools and did more than \$2,300 in damage during the fourth quarter of the school year, according to a report given the Board of Education Monday evening.

Schools which were entered included: Yukon, Seaside, Walteria, Madison, Carr, Sepulveda, Jefferson, Fern-Greenwood, and Torrance elementary schools and South High.

Damages included 13 broken windows, fire extinguishers discharged, eggs, paint, and glue smeared on desks and floors, papers and books scattered throughout rooms, and other minor damages.

Major damage was done at Fern-Greenwood School where books and audio-visual equipment were destroyed

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lane, based on a pro-rated cost.

• Referred a proposal for reorganization of the license department to the council's public works committee for study.

• Adopted an ordinance permitting minors in billiard parlors if they are over 16 years of age.

• Completed final action on ordinances removing the residence requirement for police officer examinations

when areas of the school were flooded.
Thefts during the three-month period included two cartons of milk, stop watches, and \$24.02 in cash. The district recovered a damage amounting to \$103.18.

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(Continued from Page 1) said Dr. Posner, "is that we never get to the 20th century in the World History course." Dr. Bruce Magner and Haig Marashlian, who worked on the committee to develop the course outlines for the revised courses, said teachers had worked closely in developing the program.

"THAT IS simply not true," Schwendemann said, referring to statements that teachers had had an opportunity to comment on the changes. "You do not have a democratic way for teachers to speak out on these matters."

Bert Lynn, who moved to table the matter for two weeks, said the board had "nothing to lose by waiting two weeks." Schwendemann, who said he had not seen the latest revisions, had asked for the time to study the revisions.

To a suggestion that he be specific, Schwendemann replied, "I'll do more than that—I'll come in with a curriculum I think you need!"

New School Boundaries Established

Elementary school attendance boundaries for the 1964-65 school year were adopted by the Board of Education Monday evening. Major boundary changes were made in the West Torrance area to prevent double sessions at Victor and Madrona schools.

One new school, the Joseph Arnold School, will open in September with an anticipated enrollment of about 460 students. The Arnold attendance area will include most of the homes south of Sepulveda Boulevard, west of Ocean Avenue, north of 230th Street, and east of Anza Avenue.

In addition, children living between Sepulveda Boulevard and the extension of Lomita Boulevard and east of Kathryn Avenue will attend the Arnold School.

OTHER MAJOR changes include Victor and Madrona attendance areas. Children living in the area north of Spencer Street and east of Hawthorne Avenue will be bused to Magruder School. These

children have been attending Madrona School.

In the Victor area, students living east of Anza Avenue and north of Spencer Street will attend Flavian School, while those living south of Spencer Street will be sent to Anza School. Students who attended Anza School last year and live south of Carson Street will attend Sepulveda School.

Students living south of Sepulveda Boulevard who attended Sepulveda School last year will be sent to Seaside School when school opens in September.

OTHER boundary changes involve Calle Mayor, Meadow Park, Wood, and Adams elementary schools. All parents who are affected by the changes will be notified by the school district during August. The majority of changes were described by Dr. Louis Kaplan, assistant superintendent of schools for special services, as "straightening boundaries."

Eighth grade students will

be permitted to complete their schooling where they attended last year, provided space is available. Parents of eighth grade students should contact the district for information on securing permits, said Dr. Kaplan.

IN OTHER ACTION Monday, the Board of Education adopted a final budget of \$16,642,906. The budget will now be reviewed by the County Board of Supervisors, which must set the tax rate.

Although final figures for the assessed valuation of the district have not been received, S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent for business, said the tax rate is expected to be somewhere between \$3.05 and \$3.08 per \$100, an increase of 15 to 18 cents. Waldrip also said the community services tax rate will be increased by three or four cents.

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